2005 CFOI Press Release Information Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

- This morning the Bureau of Labor Statistics released summary data reporting the total number of workplace fatalities in 2005 organized by state. More detailed numbers regarding deaths in particular categories, industries and types will be release later this year.
- In Indiana, the number of workplace fatal injuries is heading in the right direction. After a 16% increase in workplace deaths between 2003 and 2004, and despite a significant increase of 32,000 working Hoosiers in 2005, workplace deaths have remained statistically constant between 2004 and 2005 totaling 153 and 157 deaths respectively. Workplace deaths in 2005 represent a 19% decrease in the number of deaths from a record high of 195 deaths in 1994.
- Significantly, workplace deaths from falls (one of the leading causes of workplace deaths in Indiana) have also halted their precipitous climb in 2005. After a 37% increase in deaths from falls in 2004 over 2003, in 2005 deaths from falls remained statistically even with 2004 at 23 deaths.
- Workplace fatalities in the manufacturing industry decreased in 2005. 2005 saw a 33% reduction in workplace deaths in manufacturing over 2004 and a 58% reduction in workplace deaths in manufacturing over 2002.
- There was a dramatic 44% decrease in the number of workplace deaths to employees of Hispanic/Latino origin in 2005 from the rate of Hispanic/Latino workplace deaths in 2002.
- Indiana's underground coal mining industry continues to lead the way for workplace safety in Indiana. Indiana's underground coal mines experiences zero deaths in 2005.







